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REMARKS

Claims 1-16 and 21-24 are in the application. Claims 17-20 have been canceled.

Response to Restriction Requirement

The Office Action states that claims 1 through 9 (Group I) and claims 10 through 16 and claims 21-24 (Group II) are drawn to inventions that are independent or distinct. Applicants hereby elect to proceed with the claims of Group II (claims 10-16 and 21-24). Applicants make this election without traverse.

In view of all the above, it is believed that the application is in condition for favorable consideration on its merits, which action is earnestly solicited.

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